



Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination)

By Krishna Dutta

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination)

By Krishna Dutta

In the popular imagination, Calcutta is a packed and pestilential sprawl, made notorious by the Black Hole and the works of Mother Teresa. Kipling called it a City of Dreadful Night, and a century later V.S. Naipaul, Gunter Grass and Louis Malle revived its hellish image. This is the place where the West first truly encountered the East. Founded in the 1690s by East India Company merchants beside the Hugli River, Calcutta grew into India's capital during the Raj and the second city of the British Empire. Named the City of Palaces for its neoclassical mansions, Calcutta was the city of Clive, Hastings, Macaulay and Curzon. It was also home to extraordinary Bengalis such as Rabindranath Tagore, the first Asian Nobel laureate, and Satyajit Ray, among the geniuses of world cinema. Above all, Calcutta (renamed Kolkata in 2001) is a city of extremes, where exquisite refinement rubs shoulders with coarse commercialism and political violence. Krishna Dutta explores these multiple paradoxes, giving personal insight into Calcutta's unique history and modern identity as reflected in its architecture, literature, cinema and music. CITY OF ARTISTS: Modern India's cultural capital; home city of Tagore, Ray and Jamini Roy; College Street and the annual book fair; a city of learning and books. CITY OF DURGA AND KALI: Kumortuli's holy images and the flamboyant annual Durga Puja; Kalighat Temple and Kali, Calcutta's divine and terrible protectress. CITY OF PALACES: Grand colonial monuments and crumbling mansions of the Bengali babus; an architectural mix of Palladian, Baroque, Rococo, Gothic, Hindu and Islamic.

 [Download Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion \(Citie ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion \(Cit ...pdf](#)

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination)

By Krishna Dutta

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta

In the popular imagination, Calcutta is a packed and pestilential sprawl, made notorious by the Black Hole and the works of Mother Teresa. Kipling called it a City of Dreadful Night, and a century later V.S. Naipaul, Gunter Grass and Louis Malle revived its hellish image. This is the place where the West first truly encountered the East. Founded in the 1690s by East India Company merchants beside the Hugli River, Calcutta grew into India's capital during the Raj and the second city of the British Empire. Named the City of Palaces for its neoclassical mansions, Calcutta was the city of Clive, Hastings, Macaulay and Curzon. It was also home to extraordinary Bengalis such as Rabindranath Tagore, the first Asian Nobel laureate, and Satyajit Ray, among the geniuses of world cinema. Above all, Calcutta (renamed Kolkata in 2001) is a city of extremes, where exquisite refinement rubs shoulders with coarse commercialism and political violence. Krishna Dutta explores these multiple paradoxes, giving personal insight into Calcutta's unique history and modern identity as reflected in its architecture, literature, cinema and music. CITY OF ARTISTS: Modern India's cultural capital; home city of Tagore, Ray and Jamini Roy; College Street and the annual book fair; a city of learning and books. CITY OF DURGA AND KALI: Kumortuli's holy images and the flamboyant annual Durga Puja; Kalighat Temple and Kali, Calcutta's divine and terrible protectress. CITY OF PALACES: Grand colonial monuments and crumbling mansions of the Bengali babus; an architectural mix of Palladian, Baroque, Rococo, Gothic, Hindu and Islamic.

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta

Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #6847136 in Books
- Published on: 2003-05-21
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 7.99" h x 5.24" w x .0" l, 1.10 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 256 pages



[Download Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion \(Citie ...pdf](#)



[Read Online Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion \(Cit ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta

Editorial Review

Review

"... her history of Calcutta ... blends history and analysis with incident (and) personal experience..." The Hindu "This is an admirable and in-depth guide to a city rich in traditions and contradictions; as vibrant and quirky as the place it celebrates, the book is a first-rate primer for those who wish to explore both Calcutta's history and its modern identity." New Internationalist

About the Author

KRISHNA DUTTA was born and brought up in Calcutta. She has translated Bengali literature and written several books on Rabindranath Tagore.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Michael Berry:

What do you concerning book? It is not important with you? Or just adding material when you really need something to explain what the ones you have problem? How about your time? Or are you busy person? If you don't have spare time to accomplish others business, it is gives you the sense of being bored faster. And you have free time? What did you do? All people has many questions above. They have to answer that question due to the fact just their can do this. It said that about guide. Book is familiar in each person. Yes, it is right. Because start from on pre-school until university need this specific Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) to read.

Edward Upton:

In this 21st millennium, people become competitive in every way. By being competitive today, people have do something to make all of them survives, being in the middle of the actual crowded place and notice simply by surrounding. One thing that often many people have underestimated it for a while is reading. Yes, by reading a publication your ability to survive increase then having chance to stay than other is high. To suit your needs who want to start reading a new book, we give you this Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) book as basic and daily reading publication. Why, because this book is greater than just a book.

Alex Miller:

Typically the book Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) will bring someone to the new experience of reading any book. The author style to clarify the idea is very unique. When you try to find new book to learn, this book very suited to you. The book Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) is much recommended to you you just read. You can also get the e-book from your official web site, so you can quicker to read the book.

Debra McGregor:

A lot of guide has printed but it takes a different approach. You can get it by world wide web on social media. You can choose the top book for you, science, witty, novel, or whatever by simply searching from it. It is known as of book Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination). You can add your knowledge by it. Without causing the printed book, it may add your knowledge and make anyone happier to read. It is most essential that, you must aware about book. It can bring you from one destination to other place.

**Download and Read Online Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta
#SIZ1JDNK2FL**

Read Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta for online ebook

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta books to read online.

Online Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta ebook PDF download

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta Doc

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta MobiPocket

Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta EPub

SIZ1JDNK2FL: Calcutta: A Cultural and Literary Companion (Cities of the Imagination) By Krishna Dutta